Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: I cannot give the details now.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Is the Government aware of any advice that has not been respected?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

COCHIN HARBOUR—FOURTH STAGE WORK—PROGRESS OF.

68. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

how far has the fourth stage of the Harbour work progressed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: The hon'ble member's attention is drawn to para 7 of the Diwan's opening speech in the Council on 14th July 1938.

ARABIC LECTURER—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—APPOINTMENT OF.

69. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether an Arabic Lecturer has been appointed in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam;

(*b*) the number of Muslim students studying in the College classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: (*a*) No.

(*b*) 31.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the hon'ble member kindly inform the House whether the time has not come for the appointment of an Arabic Lecturer in the Maharaja's College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: The very fact that the Government have not yet considered it itself shows that the time has not arrived.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: In as much as the number of Muslim students is as large as 31, does not the hon'ble member think that it should show some more sympathy than was done in the previous answers in this House when this question was raised?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: There is absolutely no want of sympathy. The hon'ble member says the number of Muslim students is as large as 31. Government believe it is as small as 31 for making an appointment which affects not only the revenues of the State but also on the pension. In the second place, Sir, for the information of the hon'ble member, I may say that similar requests have been received from other communities. For instance there are High Schools in Cochin which teach Tamil and quite a large number of students who ought to have

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come here are going outside because there is no provision for admission, since no Tamil Teacher could be appointed. This question cannot be treated, Sir, purely as an isolated one. In the third place we are trying to make retrenchment on the expenditure on Collegiate education. I think, other things being considered that this is a very inopportune moment for undertaking this additional expenditure.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Is there not a Hindi Professor or Lecturer in the Maharaja's College ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: There is.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: How many students are there ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the hon ble member kindly inform the House what the minimum strength is, statutorily required for the appointment of a Quoran teacher ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: There is no statute. It is nothing but common sense.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Is there not any rule that whenever there are 25 students a teacher should be appointed ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: I beg your pardon. It is 40.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Did not the hon'ble member state once that it is 25?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: There was a time when the strength was fixed at 25, 20 and so on. The number has to be increased as strength increases.

FIFTH GROUP—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—STARTING OF.

70. Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to an article published in the "Gomathi", dated 10th Mithunam 1113, on the subject of the starting of the fifth group in the Maharaja's College;

(*b*) what is the estimated expenditure for 1114 for this group;

(*c*) how many Professors are required and how many are appointed;

(*d*) is not a Professor for Malayalam necessary;

(*e*) how many students are there for this group ?

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